Belgaum, Chitradurga, Davangere, Haveri and Hubli ESI hospitals in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) the present status of the above proposal?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. CHANDRASEKHAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. The Government of Karnataka has submitted proposals for upgradation of ESI Hospitals at Indiranagar (Bangalore), Mysore, Davangere, Hubli, Belgaum and Dandeli. There is no such proposal for Chitradurga and Haveri where ESI does not have a hospital.

(b) The Government of Karnataka has requested for sanction of equipments worth Rs. 5.81 crore for the above mentioned six hospitals.

(c) The proposals have been received by the ESI Corporation only recently and al the essential equipments will be provided soon.

Condition of Devidhar Telephone Centre

†*331. SHRI SURESH BHARDWAJ: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the condition of Devidhar Telehpnoe Centre under Rohru Telephone Exchange in Shimla District is very bad;

(b) whether the present range of BSNL tower is limited to main Bazar Rohru only;

(c) if so, whether Government propose to set up one additional BSNL tower between Sima and Badiyara so that more people would be benefited; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI DAYANIDHI MARAN): (a) No, Sir. The Devidhar Telephone Exchange is working satisfactorily. The Telephone exchange is a 256 line C-DOT Exchange (ANRAX) which is connected to Rohru Exchange on reliable media, *i.e.* Opitcal Fiber Cable (OFC). During the current year, upto November 2004, the exchange was affected two times,

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once due to power plant failure and another due to OFC fault. In both the cases, the exchange functioning was restored within two-three days.

(b) No, Sir. There is one mobile tower (BTS) located in Rohru town. This tower is giving coverage to the whole Rohru town in addition to nearby villages like Medli, Sarmoli and Bhakhima etc.

(c) and (d) No, Sir. There is no proposal for setting up an additional tower (BTS) between Sima and Badiyara. However, there is a plan to set up two additional towers (BTS) at Lowerkoti and Khasdhar during 2005-06, which will provide mobile coverage to many villages including Sima and Badiyara villages.

New coal deposits

†*332. SHRI RAJ MOHINDER SINGH MAJITHA:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that new coal deposits have of late been explored in the country by the Geological Survey of India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the details of the States having the deposits alongwith the quantity thereof; and

(c) the details of the schemes Government have worked out for mining the said deposits?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) Detailed State-wise, coalfield-wise quantity of new coal resources, assessed by Geological Survey of India (GSI) during the last three years (2002-2004) on the basis of regional exploration are as under:

Sl. No.	State	Coalfield	Resource (in million tonnes)
1.	West Bengal	Birbhum	887.57
		Raniganj	506.06
2.	Jharkhand	South Karanpura	21.49
		Rajmahal Group	1284.35

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